



Flood & Pollution Reduction Fees and Credits for Farm Parcels

How would the stormwater authority serve York County farm parcels?

Stormwater pollution and flooding have many causes, and one of them is runoff from agriculture. We forecast that the stormwater authority will collect 15% of its fees from farm parcels — and invest 20% of its budget back into farm parcels to provide the following benefits:

- Reduced wait times for approval of Ag. E&S/Conservation Plans and Nutrient/Manure Management Plans
- Matching funds to farmers who want to participate in NRCS and other cost-share programs
- More technical support staff at the York County Conservation District to serve the agricultural community, including offering educational programs and grant writing
- Local water quality monitoring to generate local data so we get full credit with the state for what we are doing
- Reduced erosion, less frequent and severe flooding on their land, and disaster funding through NRCS

How would farm parcel fees be calculated?

Each farm parcel will pay \$48.90 per year, plus \$9 per year for each tillable acre, as recorded on the parcel property record in the county assessment office. “Tillable” is a tax assessment land category on your property record, not a farming practice. There are no fees for woodland or pasture acres.

The property record above shows 10 tillable acres. The fee would be \$48.90 for the parcel, plus \$90 per year for the tillable acres, assuming no credits were earned. Credits will be available to reduce the fee.

Line	Type	Code	CAMA SQ FT	CAMA Acres	Value
1	A - Acres	7 - HOMESITE	43,580	1,000	3600
2	A - Acres	8 - TILLABLE	435,800	10,000	4050
3	A - Acres	9 - WOODLAND	2,114,402	48,500	140770
4	A - Acres	9 - PASTURE	43,560	1,000	4050
Total:				60,500	221330

Farm parcels can earn credits to eliminate the entire \$9 per tillable acre fee, if they:

- have an approved Ag. E&S / Conservation Plan, or
- have a completed Cooperator Form with the York County Conservation District or an agreement with a private agricultural consultant to develop and implement a plan, and
- install or have installed a combination of Best Management Practices such as conservation tillage/no-till, cover crops, grassed waterways, diversions, livestock exclusion fences, animal waste management, etc.

How can the farm community participate in the discussion about the stormwater authority?

The Planning Commission intends to present its recommendations to the York County Board of Commissioners for a vote early in 2019. We are required by law to hold and publicize a hearing prior to incorporating the Authority. The Commissioners would have to pass an ordinance to incorporate a new authority, advertised in the newspaper at least a week prior to the vote.

For more information, updates, or to submit public comments, please visit:

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